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### **More Than 750 Pounds of Pharmaceuticals Collected at Pleasanton's DEA Drug Take Back Program**

*Pleasanton, CA*--On Saturday April 27, the Pleasanton Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) provided an opportunity for residents to drop off potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Prescription drug abuse is a growing epidemic in the United States, notes the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse, a San Ramon nonprofit. One way people are getting addicted to dangerous drugs is by raiding the medicine cabinets of their friends and family. This program provides a remedy to discard prescription medications being stored but are no longer needed.

For the third year in a row, this event, which occurred at the Pleasanton Police Department, was heavily attended by residents of Pleasanton who dropped off enough prescription medication drugs to fill 22 large boxes. These boxes were in addition to 10 boxes collected at the City's Operation Services Center E-Waste collection day held April 13<sup>th</sup>. Collectively, these boxes weighed over 787 pounds. This is a huge amount of prescription drugs that are no longer in residents' homes or accessible to others for illegal/dangerous use or experimentation.

In addition to the officers, representatives from Mothers with a Purpose were at the event passing out valuable information and offering advice to residents.

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